

**VIRGINIA BOARD OF COUNSELING
FORMAL HEARING
MINUTES**

CALL TO ORDER: A panel of the Board of Counseling (“Board”) convened on Friday, August 19, 2011, at 9:40 a.m., at the Department of Health Professions, Perimeter Center, 9960 Mayland Drive, Richmond, Virginia, Board Room 2.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Donnie Conner, Board Member
Sandra Malawer, Board Member
Charlotte Markva, Board Member
Charles McAdams, III, Board Chair
Patricia Mullen, Board Member
William Scott, Board Member
Linda Seeman, Board Member

BOARD COUNSEL: Howard Casway, Senior Assistant Attorney General

STAFF PRESENT: Patricia Larimer, Deputy Executive Director-Discipline
Catherine Chappell, Deputy Executive Director-Licensing
Jennifer Lang, Administrative Assistant

COURT REPORTER: Patricia White, Crane –Snead & Associates, Inc.

RESPONDENT: Verniecia C. Bell, LPC Applicant
Case No.: 134162

RESPONDENT’S WITNESSES: Verniecia C. Bell, LPC Applicant

PARTIES ON BEHALF OF THE COMMONWEALTH: Wayne Halbleib, Assistant Attorney General
Peter Opper, Adjudication Spec., Administrative Proceedings Div.

COMMONWEALTH WITNESSES: Charles Gressard, Ph.D.

DISCUSSION: Verniecia Bell appeared before the Board in person in accordance with a Notice and Statement of Particulars dated July 29, 2011. Ms. Bell was represented by Thomas Nesbitt, Esquire. The Board received evidence and sworn testimony regarding the allegations

in the Notice from witnesses called to testify.

CLOSED SESSION: Upon a motion by Linda Seeman and duly seconded, the Board voted to convene a closed meeting pursuant to §2.2-3711(A)(27) of the Code of Virginia for the purpose of consulting with legal counsel in the matter. Additionally, Ms. Seeman moved that Mr. Casway, Ms. Larimer, Ms. Chappell and Ms. Lang attend the closed meeting, because their presence in the closed meeting was deemed necessary and would aid the Board.

RECONVENE: Having certified that the matters discussed in the preceding closed session met the requirements of §2.2-3712 of the Code, the Board reconvened in open session and announced its decision.

DECISION: Upon a motion by Charlotte Markva and duly seconded by Sandra Malawer, the Board made certain Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law. Further, upon a motion by Charlotte Markva and duly seconded by Donnie Conner, the Board voted to deny the applicant's request for registration of supervision. The vote was unanimous.

ADJOURNMENT: The Board adjourned at 12:05 p.m.

Dr. Charles McAdams, Chair

Date

Patricia Larimer, Deputy Executive Director

Date